

PATENT
Attorney Docket No. 83118-0002

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Akihide ITO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/840,860

Filed: April 25, 2001

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
USING METADATA TO
FLEXIBLY ANALYZE DATA

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

Art Unit: 2161

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no later than three months from the application's filing date and before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits of the application. Therefore, no statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as "prior art" against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the United States Patent and Trademark Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take an appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

HOGAN & HARTSON LLP

By:


Naomi Abe Voegeli
Reg. No. 44,371

Dated: July 24, 2001

HOGAN & HARTSON LLP
555 13th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004
(202) 637-5891
e-mail: novoegeli@hhlaw.com
Customer No. 24633

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Modified) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)			ATTY. DOCKET NO. 83118-0002		APPLICATION NO. 09/840,860	
			APPLICANT Akihide ITO, et al.			
			FILING DATE April 25, 2001		GROUP 2161	
 U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
EXAMINER INITIAL	PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
AA	5,692,181	11/25/97	ANAND et al.	395	613	
BB	5,767,854	06/16/98	ANWAR	345	355	
CC	5,926,818	07/20/99	MALLOY	707	100	
DD	5,940,818	08/17/99	MALLOY et al.	707	2	
EE	5,943,668	08/24/99	MALLOY et al.	707	3	
FF	5,943,677	08/24/99	HICKS	707	205	
GG	5,978,796	11/02/99	MALLOY et al.	707	3	
HH	5,999,192	12/07/99	SELFRIIDGE et al.	345	440	
FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION						
	DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	ABSTRACT
						Yes
						No
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
	II	E. Thomsen, <u>OLAP SOLUTIONS: Building Multidimensional Information Systems</u> , "Vendor List and Descriptions", Appendix H, pp. 525-559				
EXAMINER				DATE CONSIDERED		
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.						